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1. The Viet Minh (VM) in Kompong Speu-Kandal sub-sector are surprisingly weak, both from the point of view of numerical strength and armament. The area has elements of the 160 and 180 Bo Doi<sup>1</sup> but the combined strength of both units probably is only about 300 men. Both units have small munitions factories but the transportation system for distributing the munitions is poor.
2. The main problem facing the Cambodian government in the area is that of inducing the population under VM control to come into Royal Army territory. Furthermore, it is difficult to convince those who have come into Royal Army territory, or have been liberated, that Cambodia is a free nation. Frequently, these inhabitants will simply not believe Royal Army officers when they tell them that Cambodia is free, and consider that the Royal Army explanation is merely French propaganda.

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